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the amount spent is at the rate of Rs. 6 lakhs per month. Employment is being given to about 6 to 7 lakhs of people. Apart from all this, the collection of land revenue has been postponed and in other cases totally remitted. In respect of out-turn of crops of annas four and less, there has been a complete remission and between annas four and annas eight, there has been half remission and in other cases, there has been a postponement of collection. One curious and extraordinary thing is that this time the collection of cesses has also been postponed; till now there has been no such postponement but this year owing to the extraordinary circumstances in which we were placed, the Government went to the length of postponing collection of cesses also which amounts to one-third of the revenue or nearly annas five in a rupee."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Minister may continue his speech after lunch. The House will now adjourn for lunch and meet again at 3 p.m."

(After lunch—3 p.m.)

III.—CANCELLATION OF THE MOTION FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, before we proceed with the debate on the address of His Excellency the Governor . . ."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise on a point of order."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Order, order, the hon. Member will please resume his seat."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, before we proceed with the debate on the address of His Excellency the Governor, I wish to make a motion with regard to the election of members to the Public Accounts Committee. Sir, as per the motion which I made the other day and adopted by the House, the election of members to the Public Accounts Committee is to take place to-morrow and the time for receipt of nominations is to close at 3 p.m. to-day. To-day the Leader of the Opposition represented to me that, in view of the present strength of the House and in view of the existence of several parties here, the number of persons to be elected by this House should be increased. I have agreed to consider the request to increase the strength. So it will not be possible to hold the election to-morrow, and I beg to move—

> '*That the motion for the election of members to the Public Accounts Committee from the Madras Legislative Assembly carried by the House on 7th May 1952 be cancelled.*'

Sir, I beg leave of the House to cancel that original motion."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I do not think there is anybody who wants to object to the motion."

SEVERAL HON. MEMBERS :—" No objection."

The motion was carried.